Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) A safety device for in particular nonrailborne vehicles, comprising a monitoring device configured to monitor a hazardous area and a road area, located on the opposite side of the hazardous area as viewed from the vehicle and adjoining the hazardous area, to detect obstacles in at least one of the hazardous area and the road area, wherein the length of the road area corresponds at least to one vehicle length viewed in a travel direction of the vehicle, and the monitoring device is arranged to trigger an output signal to prevent entry into the hazardous area if an obstacle which prevents the hazardous area being traveled through completely has been detected.

11. (New) The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the monitoring device comprises an optical sensor.

12. (New) The safety device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the sensor device comprises a camera.

13. (New) The safety device as claimed claim 10, wherein the monitoring device is arranged in the vehicle.

14. (New) The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein at least portions of the monitoring device are fixed in the vicinity of the hazardous area.

15. (New) The safety device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the monitoring device comprises an optical sensor.

16. (New) The safety device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the sensor device comprises a camera.

17 (New) The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the monitoring device comprises an evaluation device configured to receive and evaluate sensor signals of the sensor device to detect an obstacle in the monitored space.

18. (New) The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the output signal generated by the monitoring device is operable to trigger a driver warning using a display.

19. (New) The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the output signal generated by the monitoring device is operable to trigger an automatic

braking process of the vehicle such that the vehicle comes to a standstill before entering the hazardous area.

20. (New) The safety device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the output signal generated by the monitoring device is operable to trigger an automatic braking process of the vehicle such that the vehicle comes to a standstill before entering the hazardous area.